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SUBJ: VISIT OF SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. ACCORDING TO THE QUAI, SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH AND EUROPEAN DIRECTOR MAI VAN BO WILL BE COMING TO PARIS NOVEMBER 1. SRV HAS APPARENTLY CANCELLED PREVIOUS PLANS FOR THEM TO VISIT LONDON, BONN AND ROME, BUT FOLLOWING NEARLY A WEEK OF DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS, THE TWO WILL VISIT THE HAGUE AND BRUSSELS BRIEFLY.

2. THE FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE HAVE AGREED TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE FRENCH INTEND TO ADVISE THE VIETNAMESE TO BE PATIENT AND COOL IN THEIR RESPONSE TO RECENT EVENTS IN THAILAND. THE QUAI WILL PUT AS GOOD A FACE AS POSSIBLE ONTO THE FOREIGN POLICY STANCE OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE
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VIETNAMESE NOT TO USE THE "COUP" AS GROUNDS FOR SUPPORT

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FOR MILITARY ACTIONS IN THAILAND. THE QUAI SOURCE IMPLIED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PUT THEIR FULL HEART INTO A DEFENSE OF THE CURRENT THAI GOVERNMENT SINCE THEY HAD VERY MUCH SUPPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAI'S POLICY OF MAKING COMPROMISES TO HAVE BETTER RELATIONS WITH HIS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS.

3. THE FRENCH WILL ALSO RUN DOWN, POINT BY POINT, THE COURCEL AGREEMENT WITH THE VIETNAMESE OF LAST YEAR. THEY WILL NOTE PARTICULARLY THE POINTS ON WHICH THE VIETNAMESE HAD PROMISED ACTION WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FORTHCOMING. SOURCE CITED IN PARTICULAR CONSULAR PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE DEATH IN PRISON OF TWO OLD FRENCH WOMEN FOR WHOM DEATH CERTIFICATES HAD STILL NOT BEEN PROVIDED BY THE SRV.

4. THE SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THESE TALKS WOULD NOT BE VERY EASY NOR PLEASANT. THEY ARE ARRANGING A RELATIVELY LIGHT SCHEDULE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE VISIT WOULD BEGIN ON A FRENCH HOLIDAY, BUT THEY ANTICIPATED THAT THEIR "FRANKNESS" ON BOTH SIDES WOULD MAKE FOR RATHER LONG AND NOT VERY HARMONIOUS TALKS.
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